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Amendment to the Drawings

Please replace the enclosed drawing Sheet 18/21 in the Application.

Remarks

Claims 34-35 and 163-170 are pending in the Application.

Claims 34, 163-166 and 168-170 are rejected.

Claims 35 and 167 are allowed.

Claims 34 and 167 are cancelled herein without prejudice.

Claim 163 is amended herein.

I. EXAMINER INTERVIEW

On May 24, 2005, the undersigned counsel for Applicant and co-inventor Dr. Ken Smith met with the Examiner to discuss the Application and the Final Office Action. Applicant and its counsel appreciate the opportunity to have this discussion and wish to thank the Examiner for the interview.

II. ALLOWED CLAIMS

The Examiner has indicated that both Claims 35 and 167 are allowed. Applicant has amended Claim 163 such that it is now verbatim to allowed Claim 167. Thus, Claim 163 is now in allowable form. Applicant has also cancelled Claim 167 as it and Claim 163 are now identical and it would be improper to maintain two identical claims.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) OVER LI

Examiner has rejected Claims 34, 163-166 and 168-170 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Li *et al.*, "Large-Scale Synthesis of Aligned Carbon Nanotubes," *Science*, Vol. 274, December 6, 1996, pp. 1701-1703 ("*Li*"). Office Action, at 2.

Applicant has cancelled Claim 34. Accordingly, the rejection to Claim 34 is now moot.

As noted above, Applicant has amended Claim 163 so that it is verbatim to Claim 167 (before cancellation herein), which Claim 167 the Examiner has indicated was allowed. Office

Action, at 2. Thus, again, Claim 163 is now in allowable form. The remaining claims (Claims 164-166 and 168-170) depend directly or indirectly from Claim 163. Thus, as these claims depend from a claim that is not obvious in view of *Li*, these claims are likewise not obvious in view of *Li*.

Therefore, as a result of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw his rejections to Claims 163-166 and 168-170 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over *Li*.

IV. AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Applicant filed the present Application on December 28, 2001 as a divisional of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/380,545, filed on September 3, 1999 (“the Parent ‘545 Patent Application”). The Parent ‘545 Patent Application issued as United States Patent No. 6,683,783 on January 27, 2004 (“the ‘783 Patent”).

In the Preliminary Amendment Accompanying Request For Filing Divisional Application Under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), filed December 28, 2001), Applicant inserted a RELATED APPLICATIONS section on page one of the Specification. Applicant has amended the first paragraph of the inserted RELATED APPLICATIONS section to reflect the issuance of the ‘783 Patent.

No new matter is added by this amendment to the specification.

V. AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

On December 28, 2001 (*i.e.*, the filing date of the present Application), Applicant concurrently filed United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/033,075 (“the ‘075 Patent Application”), which, like the present Application, is as a divisional of the Parent ‘545 Patent Application.

In the ‘075 Patent Application, Applicant was requested by the USPTO to furnish a substitute drawing for FIGS. 17A and 17B appearing on Sheet 18/21 of the Application. As Applicant surmises that a similar request may be made in the present Application, to further

facilitate prosecution, Applicant has herewith submitted for substitution the same substitute Sheet 18/21 that Applicant submitted and the USPTO accepted for the '075 Patent Application.

No new matter is added by this amendment to the drawings.

V. **CONCLUSION**

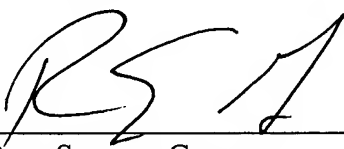
As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicant that the Claims in the Application are now in a condition for allowance, and respectfully requests allowance of such Claims.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call Applicant's attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining problems.

Respectfully submitted,

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